

Hello,

Next week the contractor will continue preparing the bridges and construction zone to support the bridge slide in August and September. Here's what's planned for the coming week:

Northbound bridge

- Concrete curing of side barriers
- Stripping and curing backwall
- Stripping overhangs

Southbound bridge

- Stripping bridge deck and backwalls
- Forming side barriers
- Pouring side barriers on Friday (8/14)
- Stripping overhangs

In the median

- Installing crane mats and setting cranes in median between new abutments.
- Stripping approach slabs in median.

Abutment work

- Grind tops of two abutments for placement of bearing pads.

Northbound Off Ramp

- Widening (Thurs, Aug 13 and Fri, Aug 14) of I-91 Off Ramp for 2 lanes during closure period
- Lane striping of Off Ramp

Dry Run of Bridge Slide

- Setting slide beams in front of Abutment #3 and #4.
- Performing dry run of bridge slide on Aug 12

TRAFFIC OUTLOOK

Stripping the bridge deck and backwalls, forming backwalls and setting up cranes will mostly be done behind barriers or on the enclosed bridges and will have little affect on traffic on Route 5.

Lane closures on I-91 Northbound and Southbound will be needed, including Saturday, Aug 15.

There will be some stoppage of traffic to get equipment and materials to the site and during the pouring side barriers for the Southbound bridge (Friday, Aug 14) and with the placement of concrete and removal of bridge overhangs over Route 5 and during the dry run of the bridge slide Wednesday, Aug 12). Stoppages will be limited to 10 minutes from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

During the widening and striping of I-91 Northbound Off Ramp (Thursday, Aug 13 and Friday, Aug 14), the ramp will be narrowed at the beginning of the ramp, but one lane of traffic will be maintained. Work will be limited to 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is highly recommended that motorists avoid the construction area and seek alternate routes during the time when alternating/stopped traffic occurs during the day at 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. During long periods of alternating one way traffic or traffic stoppage, the temporary signals will be put on flash and

manned by uniformed police officers. If necessary to keep the off ramps from backing up to I-91, motorists may be motioned by police to find an alternate route.

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION THROUGH THE WORK ZONE AND “HANDS FREE” IF USING A CELL PHONE.

Aerial photos of new bridges as seen below will be posted to the project website,
www.i91wrj.vtransprojects.vermont.gov





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